

### Tennessee Valley Authority

## Fiscal Year 2007 Rate Review

## TVA Board Meeting

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# FY 2007 Budget Assumptions

#### **Operational:**

- Normal weather
- Normal hydro
- Energy sales of 174.8 TWh (up 2.1%):
- Browns Ferry Unit 1 restart with full power by May 22, 2007, and a capacity factor of 93% for the rest of FY 2007
- Browns Ferry Unit 2 power uprate (adds ~ 110 megawatts)
- 4 nuclear fuel outages vs. 3 in FY 2006
- Fossil equivalent availability factor 86.0%
- Nuclear net capacity factor 88.4%
- Conventional hydro equivalent availability factor 93.0%



# FY 2007 Budget Assumptions

#### Financial:

- Fuel cost adjustment clause (FCA) in place effective on October 1, 2006
- Target a firm rate reduction of 4.0% to 5.0%
- Total financing obligation (TFO) reduction of \$529 million
- Liquidity balance target of \$500 million cash
- Target an interest coverage ratio of 2.4 times
- Target a debt service coverage ratio of 1.4 times
- Average interest rates on the debt portfolio are expected to increase approximately 0.10%
- Productivity target that holds growth in non-fuel cash operating costs to be less than or equal to expected growth in sales
  - Provides for three items to be excluded as incremental, new work scope items as follows:
    - 1. Operation of Browns Ferry Unit 1 for 4 months (\$19 million)
    - 2. Reagents and catalysts for new clear air equipment (\$25 million)
    - 3. New generation study (\$20 million)
- Includes a management challenge of \$53 million (\$49 million in operating cost and \$4 million in capital costs)

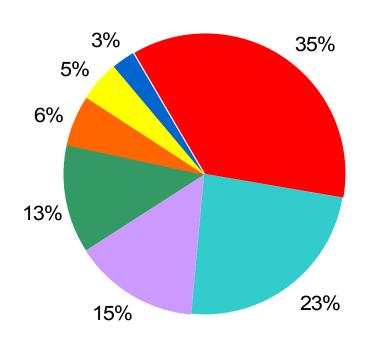


## FY 2007 Cash Uses

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(in millions)

% Distribution based on 4.5% rate reduction

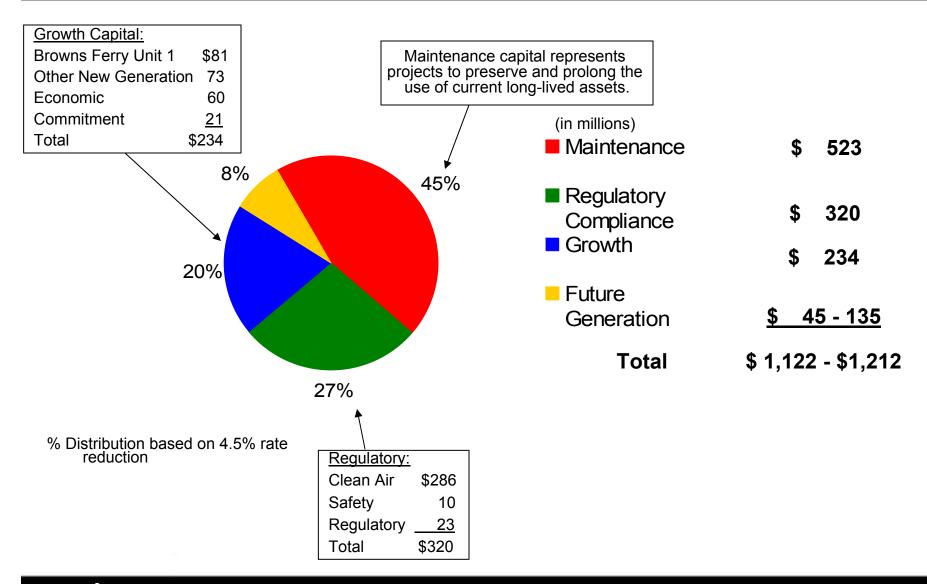


■ Cash Fuel & Purchased Power	\$3,379
■ Non-Fuel Cash O&M*	\$2,183
Cash Interest Expense	\$1,355
■ Capital Projects	\$1,122 - \$1,212
Reduction in Total Fin. Obligations	s \$529
□ In Lieu of Tax Payments	\$439
Other Cash Costs	\$268
Total Cash Uses	\$9,275 - \$9,365

<sup>\*</sup> Non-cash items excluded from O&M include emission allowance expense, bad debt expense, and non-cash portions of pension, post-retirement, and lease expenses. Total O&M expense including these non-cash items amounts to \$2,405 million.



# FY 2007 Capital Projects





## **Income Statement Forecast**

(Millions of Dollars)			2222	2007
	2004	2005	2006 Expected	2007 Pro Forma
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Expected	FIOTOIIII
Revenue	\$ 7,520	\$ 7,771	\$ 8,988	\$9,275 - \$9,365
Operating Expenses				
Fuel & Purchased Power	(2,093)	(2,599)	(3,205)	(3,262)
Gross Margin Percentage	<b>72.2%</b>	66.6%	64.3%	64.8% - 65.2%
Operating, Maintenance & Other	er (2,330)	(2,400)	(2,405)	(2,405)
Depreciation & Amortization	(1,118)	(1,127)	(1,500)	(1,423)
Tax Equivalents	(338)	(365)	(375)	(439)
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	(5,879)	(6,491)	(7,485)	(7,529)
Operating Income	1,641	1,280	1,503	1,7 <del>46 – 1,8</del> 36
Operating Margin Percentage	21.8%	16.5%	16.7%	18.8% - 19.6%
Other Income	61	60	82	36
Interest Expense (net)	(1,305)	(1,242)	(1,234)	(1,273)
Net Income	\$ 397	\$ 98	\$ 351	<u>\$509 - \$599</u>

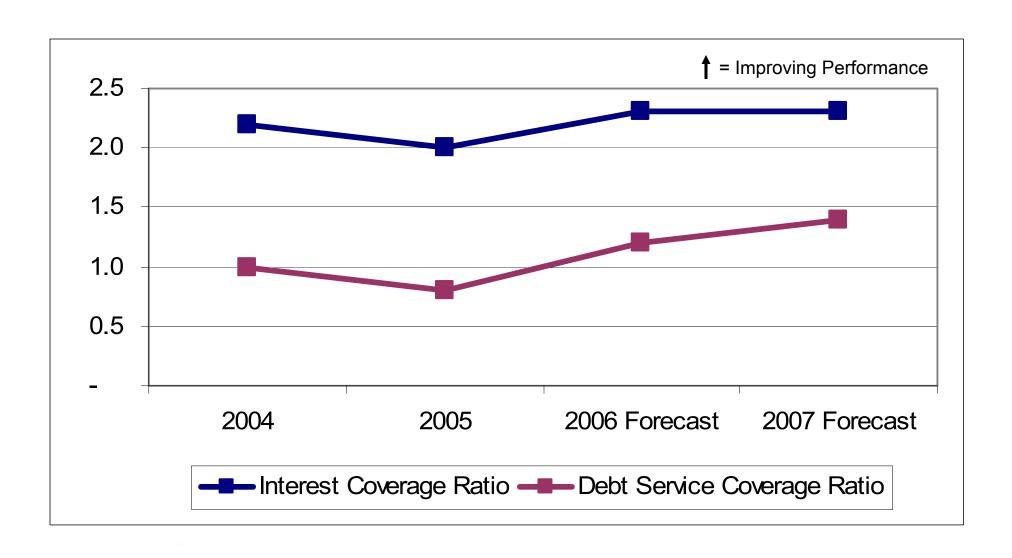


## Cash Flow Forecast

(Millions of Dollars)	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Expected	2007 Pro Forma
Sources:				
Cash from Operations	\$1,785	\$1,452	\$1,951	\$2,022 - \$2,112
Uses:				
Capital Projects	(1,041)	(1,020)	(1,057)	(791)
Clean Air Projects	(411)	(202)	(201)	(286)
Future Generation				(4 <u>5) – (13</u> 5)
Total Capital Projects	(1,452)	(1,222)	(1,258)	(1,122) – (1,212)
Nuclear Fuel	(118)	(141)	(276)	(268)
Other Sources/(Uses)	89	267	(30)	(29)
Payments to U.S. Treasury	(38)	(36)	(38)	(38)
Change in Total Fin. Oblig.	(279)	(301)	(340)	(529)
Total Uses	(1,798)	(1,433)	(1,942)	(1,9 <u>86) – (2,</u> 076)
Change in Cash	<b>\$</b> (13)	<u>\$ 19</u>	\$ 9	<u>\$ 36</u>



# Trend of Interest Coverage Ratio & Debt Service Coverage Ratio

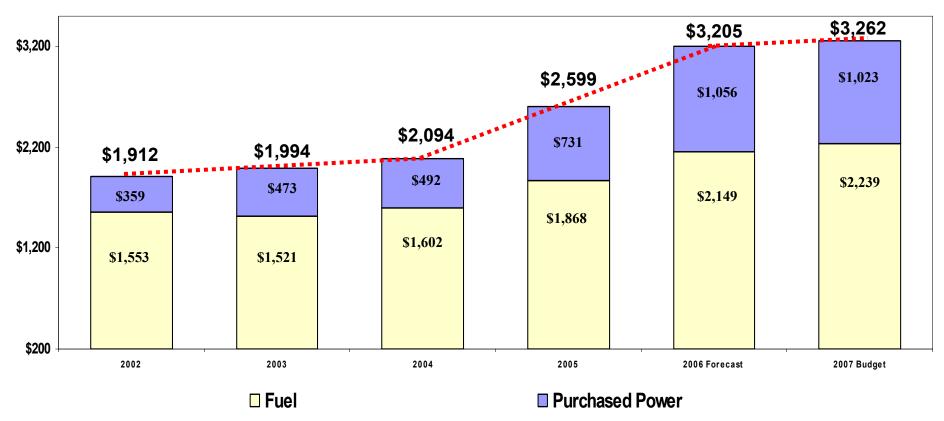




## Fuel & Purchased Power Expense

Current forecast for FY 2007 now reflects a more moderate increase from the FY 2006 forecast reflecting the Browns Ferry Unit 1 restart.







# Proposed Fuel Cost Adjustment

- Allows for more timely recovery of volatile fuel and purchased power costs through quarterly rate adjustments.
- Methodology has been jointly developed by TVA staff and customers over the past 12 months.
- The FCA starts at zero in the first quarter of the fiscal year.
- Fuel cost adjustment is a key determinant used by rating agencies.
  Most of investor-owned utilities surrounding TVA have similar
  mechanisms already in place. Many if not all of TVA's gas
  distributor customers use an adjustment mechanism to recover or
  rebate changes in gas prices.
- Recommended for implementation effective on October 1, 2006.
- First potential FCA adjustment is January 1, 2007. Quarter 1 (October, November, December) FCA forecast will be equal to budget.



## Fuel Cost Adjustment Mechanism

- The FCA will be set on a baseline (approved FY 2007 budget) for fuel and purchased power cost included in base revenue requirements.
- The FCA includes only the direct cost of fuel used in TVA's generating plants and other fuel-related costs directly dependent upon the level of electricity generation and the energy cost of purchased power.
- Prior to each quarter, an FCA rate adjustment will be made (upward or downward)
  to reflect the forecasted difference from the baseline. The FCA will only be
  applied to energy charges from the firm power rate schedules.
- Differences between forecasted and actual FCA costs will be captured in a balance sheet deferred account. Each quarter, half of the deferred account balance will be included as a part of the total FCA calculation for the next quarter.
- At least quarterly, we will communicate to our customers a comparison of our actual costs to our forecasted costs. Additionally, each quarter we will provide updates on the FCA forecast.
- The FCA contemplates a dispute process for customers to communicate concerns up through management and potentially to the Board for consideration.



## FY 2007 Budget Recommendation

- This budget proposal for FY 2007 achieves the following results:
  - A productivity target that challenges the staff to hold growth in Non-Fuel Cash O&M spend to be less than or equal to the expected growth in sales, including a management challenge
  - TFO reduction of \$529 million
  - Maintain cash balance target at \$500 million throughout the year for liquidity
  - A fuel cost adjustment clause (FCA) effective on October 1, 2006
  - A firm rate reduction of 4.0% to 5.0% effective on October 1, 2006